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REGULAR (EVEN OCCASIONAL) COMMUTERS SAVE BIG BUCKS BY RIDING THE BUS

STATE EMPLOYEES SAVE EVEN MORE

Did you overspend for Christmas? Are you dreading those credit card statements this month? Or are you just looking to save more money in 2024? Maybe you should ride the bus more often this year! While riding any of our buses will save you money, it really adds up for those who regularly commute to downtown Sacramento.

Using conservative local factors in the Fuel Savings Calculator that can be found at www.publictransportation.org, a typical daily Yuba-Sutter Transit commuter to downtown Sacramento would currently save about \$6,100 a year. How else can you add that kind of money to your budget – tax free, no less?

State employees save another \$1,200 annually with the \$100 state subsidy on each monthly bus pass and many state employees are now eligible for the reimbursement of all transit/vanpool commuter expenses (up to \$280 per month). As a result, if you are in any of the growing number of state bargaining units with this expanded benefit, add another \$420 to your potential annual savings!

Even if you do not ride every day, you can still save a bundle riding just once or twice a week as the cost of parking in downtown Sacramento each day likely well exceeds the \$9.00 roundtrip cash fare on our luxurious commuter buses. Combine that with the fuel savings; reduced wear and tear on both you and your car; and any transit subsidy that you may get from your employer, and you will quickly see how you can save big — **REALLY BIG** — by riding the bus and the more you ride, the more you save!

The above example assumes weekday ridership on our Sacramento service using a monthly pass compared to the cost of operating a small sedan on a 42-mile one-way trip between Marysville/Yuba City and downtown Sacramento. It also assumes an average fuel price of \$4.00 per gallon; a combined 15.67 cents per mile for vehicle maintenance and tires; vehicle efficiency of 30 MPG; and parking costs of \$10 per day. Of course, your figures will vary so run the numbers to see just how much you can save!



YOUTH, SENIOR & DISABLED MONTHLY PASS DISCOUNT PROGRAM EXTENDED

The Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD) recently approved a grant to extend Yuba-Sutter Transit's popular \$5 discount monthly bus pass program through March 2025. Under this program, these regularly priced \$15 discount passes are available for just \$5 to area seniors (ages 65 and over), youth (ages 5 through 18) and those with qualifying disabilities for unlimited use on Yuba-Sutter Transit's local and rural routes each month. The FRAQMD grant funds are used to pay the \$10 price difference.

For more information on the discount monthly bus pass program and how to get your discount photo Connect Card identification card which is required for all discount monthly passes, contact the Administrative Office at (530) 634-6880 or at info@yubasuttertransit.com.



FOLLOW US ON THE OFFICIAL YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT FACEBOOK PAGE

There are imposters, but just one official Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority Facebook page and it is at www.facebook.com/yubasuttertransit. Facebook users should start following this page for accurate and up-to-date information on what is going on at your local public transit agency. Staff monitor this page for comments/questions and regularly post service alerts, public hearing notices, holiday closures, etc. here for your convenience. We look forward to connecting with you there!



HOLIDAY SERVICE NOTICE

Yuba-Sutter Transit will not be in operation and the Administrative Office will be closed on **Monday, January 15**th in observance of **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**.



"WHERE'S MY BUS?" DOWNLOAD & USE OUR BUS TRACKING MOBILE APP TODAY

Every transit rider asks this question (often more than once) while waiting at the bus stop. Now you can follow any of our local, rural and commuter buses in real time as they make their way along their route to your stop. Yuba-Sutter Transit's **DoubleMap** bus tracker mobile app also provides predictive arrival times for when your bus is expected to arrive at your stop to take the worry out of your wait.

To get started, just download the free **DoubleMap** application from your Google or Apple store to your smart phone or tablet and select "Yuba-Sutter Transit" as your system. From the menu bar at the top left of your screen, select any route or just monitor the entire system. Then zoom in on the route map and click on any bus stop for the estimated arrival time of the next two buses for the routes that serve that stop.



From this same "Arrival" screen, you can set that stop as a "Favorite" for future reference or set up custom "Alerts" to be notified when your bus is approaching that stop. Desktop and laptop users can also access the system by copying or typing "yubasuttertransit.doublemap.com" into their browser, though some of the mobile features will not be available.

In addition to day-to-day bus location and arrival information, the **DoubleMap** system is where passengers should turn during a crisis such as a natural disaster, major traffic accident or other event that may significantly disrupt our service. Important announcements in such situations will be released and updated as necessary by our operating staff in real-time through the app. From the **DoubleMap** home screen, just tap the three stripes at the top left and then click on "Announcements" in the drop-down menu to see if we have posted information that you need to know and check back regularly during such events as conditions can change quickly.

Comments or suggestions on the **DoubleMap** system should be emailed with as many details as possible (date, time, route, location, etc.) to info@yubasuttertransit.com. More user tips are available on our website or call us at (530) 634-6880 and we will be happy to walk you through the process.

For route and schedule information, visit www.yubasuttertransit.com or call (530) 742-2877.



DIAL-A-RIDE "NO SHOWS" COST EVERYONE

Dozens of times a month, a Dial-A-Ride bus arrives at an address to pick someone up and, for whatever reason, they are not there. Drivers and passengers all know that the next message from dispatch will be to "mark them a no-show and proceed!" The bus then pulls away with nothing to show for the effort except lost time and productivity.

Every "No Show" wastes time and resources resulting in longer trips and less actual service being provided. Please be courteous and call to cancel unwanted reservations even if the bus is just moments away from arrival. If more did so it would free up service for others – including you. **Don't be a "No Show"!**

CONNECT CARD SALES OUTLETS

Connect Cards may be loaded at any of the sales outlets below or on the Connect Card website. New full fare Connect Cards are available from any sales outlet, but new and replacement discount photo ID Connect Cards are only available during normal weekday business hours at the Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office in Marysville. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

Please check with locations for current business hours as they may change without notice.

- Sutter County Library Yuba City (530) 822-7137
 Monday Thursday, 9:00 am 6:00 pm
 Friday & Saturday, 9:00 am 5:00 pm
 [Cash or Check Only]
- Yuba County Library Marysville (530) 749-7380
 Tuesday Friday, 12:00 6:00 pm & Saturdays 9:00 am 1:00 pm [Cash, Credit or Debit Fee Applied for Credit/Debit]
- Yuba College Bookstore Linda (530) 741-6998
 Weekdays, 8:30 am 3:00 pm
 [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Yuba-Sutter Transit Administrative Office Marysville Weekdays, 8:00 am – Noon & 1:00 – 5:00 pm [Cash, Check, Credit or Debit]
- Connect Card Website www.ConnectTransitCard.com [Credit or Debit / Auto-Load]

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